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AMENDMENT

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A. Introductory Comments

Based on the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This amendment is in response to the office action dated August 11, 2006. As one independent and seven dependent claims have been cancelled and two new independent claims added, it is submitted that the claim fee (\$100) for one independent claim is due.

The independent claim fee should be charged to deposit account No. 502158.

In the office action, the abstract of the disclosure was objected to because legal phraseology was used, i.e., "comprises". In order to make the abstract of the disclosure unobjectionable, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended, as set forth in the next section.

In the office action, claims 13 -21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 (first and second paragraphs). Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101, as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In order to make claims 13, 16, and 18 comply with the written description requirement, and to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, claims 13, 16, and 18 have been amended, as set forth in the 'Amendments to the Claims' section. Claims 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, and 21 have been canceled without prejudice.

In order to make claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 16 and 18 as being directed to practical application, claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16 and 18 have been amended, as set forth in the 'Amendments to the Claims' section. Claims 6 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice.

New claims 22 and 23 have been added...